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In re Application of

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to Examiner's Restriction Requirement mailed June 14, 2002 (Paper No. 9), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2-4, 6-9, 5, and 10 without prejudice to their presentation in one or more divisional applications.

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement alleging that the application claims three separate inventions. Specifically, the Examiner identifies the three inventions as being: Group I consisting of claims 1 and 11-21, drawn to a surface metrology device comprising a metrology unit and a first image camera and a second image camera, Group II consisting of claims 2-4 and 6-9, drawn to a semiconductor processing device comprising a wafer process

station and a metrology station comprises an ultraviolet light source for illuminating a measurement region of a surface and at least one spectrograph optically coupled to the measurement region of the surface; and Group III consisting of claims 5 and 10, drawn to a surface reflectometer comprising a light source, an objective optic adapted to translate relative to a wafer surface and at least one light detector.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.142, Applicant elects Group I claims 1 and 11-21 without traverse. Claims 2-4, 6-9, 5, and 10 are withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner under 37 C.F.R. 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicant, however, reserves the right pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.141 to pursue claims to the non-elected invention in this application in the event a generic claim is allowed.

Applicant also reserves the right pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention during the pendency of the present application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant earnestly believes that he is entitled to a letters patent, and respectfully solicits Examiner to expedite prosecution of this patent application to issuance. Should Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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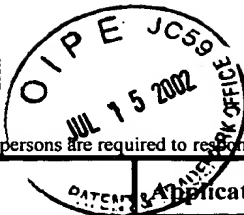
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